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VIA EMAIL TO: WATERDIST34@ATCNET.NET

RE: 2012 ANTELOPE CREEK FUTILE CALL REQUEST

Dear Roger:

This letter responds to your request for a futile call for delivery of water from Antelope Creek to senior users on the Big Lost River. You made the request during a telephone conversation yesterday and supplied delivery records and other pertinent information in and another telephone conversation this morning. Based on the information you have provided, it appears that senior users on the Big Lost River are not receiving water from Antelope Creek. Allowing users on Antelope Creek to divert out of priority with the Big Lost River will not reduce the amount of water available to users on the Big Lost River, but will allow junior Antelope Creek users to put that water to beneficial use. Therefore, your request to administer Antelope Creek separately from the Big Lost River is granted.

The information you provided is as follows:

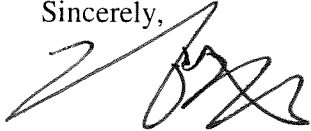
1. On June 25, 2012, you called a priority of 5/1/1904, which was implemented on Antelope Creek on June 26, 2012. But that there was insufficient water to fill the demand for 1904 water on Antelope Creek.
2. On Sunday, July 1, you called a priority of 6/1/1895 and regulated users to that priority date by July 3, 2012.
3. You estimate that less than 0.5 cfs is leaking past the Hanrahan ditch in the North Channel and that approximately 1 cfs is flowing in the South Channel of Antelope Creek at the point where Antelope Creek crosses Antelope Road, but all of this is lost to seepage between that point and the point where the South Channel crosses the UC/Blaine Canal. You have estimated that the flow in the South Channel at the UC/Blaine Canal has been steadily decreasing over the past several days and was approximately 1 cfs on Sunday.
4. You stated that some water is flowing in the South Channel below the UC/Blaine canal, and that this water is originating from leakage from the 3&1 and B&J canals where they cross the Antelope channe

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The flow in Antelope Creek will likely continue to decline, and the upstream, in priority demand on Antelope is already in excess of the available flow. So, granting a futile call will not likely raise the deliverable priority date on Antelope Creek, but it will allow users to be regulated based on the supply in the creek, rather than the river. This will simplify delivery and provide flexibility to the users on the creek without injuring users on the Big Lost River.

Please note, however, that deliveries on Antelope Creek and tributaries must continue to be regulated to ensure that water is delivered within the amounts authorized by the water rights and is delivered in priority with all other water rights on Antelope Creek.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nick Miller', with a stylized, cursive script.

Nick Miller

Water Distribution Section

cc: IDWR Eastern Region – Idaho Falls

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